



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

3 August 2025: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, through Christ, our refuge and strength, we make our prayers to the Lord.*

We pray for the Church: may our communities always be welcoming havens for those in need or distress.

That societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons. *[Pope Leo's prayer intention for August 2025]*

We pray that governments move swiftly and effectively to fix the housing crisis and end homelessness.

That those who are starving because of poverty, famine, or other catastrophe, will receive immediate and ongoing assistance from the many who have abundant food.

That the Jubilee of Youth being celebrated in Rome this week will be an inspiration for all young people to grow in faith.

We pray for those who are ill especially Lina Cuda.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Max Symington, Roberto Rosace and Eric Bailey; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Ena Farnbach, Carmelo Salpietro, Sean Patrick Tyrrell, Francesco Di Nuzzo, Jessie Attard, Edgar Pereira, Denis Sully, Brian Wallmeyer, Len Reddoch, Linus Collins, Domenico & Terzita Lizio and Angela Faraco.

*Loving Father, you are our strength and our refuge. Hear our prayers, and help us to serve your name through right judgment and justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE** This weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Bernie presides at our OLN Masses. Next weekend Fr Colin McLean will preside at all St Therese's Masses and Fr Tony will preside at OLN Masses.

**FR JOHN ON LEAVE** While Fr John is away on annual leave a Liturgy of the Word with Communion service will replace 10:00am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at St Therese's while Fr Colin will preside at 10:00am Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is no After-Hours message service while Fr John is away and we won't have a priest in residence to attend the sick and dying. For patients in hospitals, families should contact the hospital chaplain.

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**KIDS AT MASS CANCELLED** We apologise for the short notice but Kids at Mass will not go ahead this Saturday evening at St Therese's. The next session will be held on Saturday 6 September.

**VALE ERIC BAILEY** We mourn the death of Eric Baily who has been a dedicated parishioner of OLN for many years and passed away on 24 July. A Requiem Mass for Eric will be held at OLN on Tuesday 5 August at 11:00am.

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**HOMELESSNESS WEEK** In Australia there are almost 123,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night and at least 30,000 of those people are in Victoria. Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness, the solutions needed to end homelessness and to educate communities on how they can make a difference. Homelessness Week 2025 will take place from Monday 4th to Sunday 10th August. The National Homelessness Week theme for 2025 is "Homelessness Action Now". <https://www.vhn.org.au/>

**MEN'S CHOIR SINGING THIS WEEKEND** We welcome our Men's Choir who will be singing at 9:00am Mass this Sunday at St Therese's.

**PARISH STRATEGIC PLANNING** We thank members of our Parish Leadership Team who spoke last week at all Masses with an update on the Parish Strategic Planning initiative. For those who missed it we have published the speakers notes on our website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Strategic-plan-update.pdf>

**TAP N GO TERMINALS COMING SOON** Earlier this year we trialled the use of Tap N Go terminal at St Therese's church which was on loan from CDF. We have received word this week that our own Tap N Go terminals will be delivered by mid-August and will be installed in our churches shortly afterward. The terminals can be used to make quick anonymous donations to the parish and will be very useful at Masses where we have large visitor numbers.

**WEBINAR ON SYNODALITY** We have published a link to a recent webinar *If Australasian Catholicism Becomes Synodal?* from ACCCR and Garratt Publishing here: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/synodality-webinar/>

**OLN SOUND SYSTEM PROGRESS** Works have continued at OLN with the main switchboard upgrade, asbestos removal and all required electrical inspections for the new switchboard now completed. As a part of these works the electricians have installed some new power points and light fittings. We've expanded the scope of the project slightly and work will continue over the next week or so to upgrade/consolidate light switches and install external light timers. The next step will then be the installation of the sound system components led by our wonderful volunteer Mario Iacobaccio.

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE** We have so far had \$5200 donated to the project and we'd be grateful for any contributions. You can send cheques or make credit card payments via the parish office or make EFT payments to the parish account. **Account name:** The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon **BSB:** 083-347 **Account Number:** 67640 1701 and use the reference "OLN Sound" and your last name. You can also place cash or cheques in a clearly marked envelope in any collection at Mass.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH** Winter weather keeps us indoors more at this time of year yet there is still lots happening around the parish for those of us who can brave the cold.

**SHARING MEMORIES GROUP** Our Sharing Memories group will meet on Tuesday in the Annex for their monthly get together at 10:30am. See the next page ad for details.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP** Meets every Thursday in the PACE meeting room at 10:30am.

**TINY TS PLAYGROUP** Our playgroup meets every Thursday during the school term. This Thursday they'll be in PACE and all are welcome to come along!

**MEN'S COFFEE GROUP** The Men's coffee group meet at Lincoln Food Store on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:45am. That's this coming Wednesday 6 August. Remaining dates for 2025 are on the next page.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST THERESE'S** St Therese's Church Memorial and Precious Angels Garden was established in 2011 primarily for St Therese's parishioners. There is now a limited number of inground plots and columbaria remaining. Parishioners interested in securing a place in the garden should contact the parish office as soon as possible. Info: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/memorial-garden-and-precious-angels-monument/>

We are no longer approving purchase for people without a current connection to the parish and it is no longer possible to install a plaque on the memorial wall without purchasing an inground interment plot. Due to the high level of interest we have delayed a planned price increase until 15 August 2025.

**REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER** We encourage all who participate in the worship, mission, and ministry of our parish community to officially register as a parishioner. Parish Registration forms are available on church entrance tables.

**JOIN THE PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING PROGRAMME** If you'd like to join in the Parish Support Programme with regular automatic payments, Parish Direct Debit Forms are available on church entrance tables.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** Are made from wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

APPEALS CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF 2025	
17-31 August (3 weekends)	The Archbishop's Campaign
4 & 5 October	Jubilee of Migrants: Refugee and Asylum Seeker Appeal
1 <sup>st</sup> weekend in December	Christmas Appeal: St Vincent de Paul Society

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 9 & 10 AUGUST (WEEK 2)		
MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
St T's 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor
St T's 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
St T's 10.30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore
Adults: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html</a> Children: <a href="https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/y ch3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/y ch3rwjcm2.html</a>		



KAM WILL BE BACK  
**SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**  
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



Primary school-aged children can listen to Jesus' message in a child friendly and engaging way. Children who are not yet at school should be accompanied by parent/s

REMAINING DATES FOR 2025  
6 September, 11 October & 6 December

ESSENDON PARISH

## SAFEGUARDING

### ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST:

Hold a current Working With Children Check and must list the parish as a place you volunteer

Complete the CAM Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification every three years

Acknowledge The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct every three years

### DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?



SCAN ME  
FOR  
DETAILS

**YES**

ALL volunteers must be registered as parishioners

If you are a volunteer but not a registered parishioner please fill in a Parishioner Registration Form (available from church entry tables) and return it to the parish office

## Parish of Our Lady and St Therese **MEN'S COFFEE GROUP**

Put it in your diary!  
Dates for 2025

2nd & 16th July  
6th & 20th August  
3rd & 17th September  
1st & 15th October  
5th & 19th November  
3rd & 17th December

1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays  
each month  
from 10:45am  
Lincoln Food Store  
105 Lincoln Rd  
Essendon



## SHARING memories

A Friendship group supporting parishioners through life's challenges including:

- Grief and loss
- Relationship breakdowns
- Life changes


Monthly Morning Tea  
First Tuesday of each month  
10:30am in the Annex  
(room located behind St Therese's church)

**Next date: Tuesday 5 August**

- YOU ARE WELCOME

PARISH DIARY	Saturday 2 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's CANCELLED	6:00pm
	Sunday 3 August	Men's Choir Singing at St Therese's	9:00am
	Monday 4 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Christie family	
	Tuesday 5 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Requiem Mass for Eric Bailey at OLN	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am
	Wednesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 7 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
	Friday 8 August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Requiem Mass for Roberto Rosace at St Therese's	11:30am
	Saturday 9 August	Men's Choir Singing at OLN	5:00pm
	Sunday 10 August	One month Mass for Filomena Maisano at OLN	10:00am
	Monday 11 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	
	Tuesday 12 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 13 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 14 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 7:00pm
	Friday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Weekend 16 & 17 August	The Archbishop's Campaign begins (3-week appeal)	
	Sunday 17 August	Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
	Monday 18 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
	Tuesday 19 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 20 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 21 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Parish Friendship Group Winter Warmer morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
	Weekend 23 & 24 August	Archbishop's Campaign Appeal	
	Monday 25 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Neenan family	

MASSES	<b>ST THERESE'S CHURCH</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon <b>Weekday Masses:</b> Tuesday to Friday 10:00am <b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 5:45pm	<b>OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH</b> 31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie <b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:00am <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 4:45pm
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PARISH CONTACTS	<p align="center"><b>PARISH PRIEST</b> Fr John Hannon</p> <p align="center"><b>Office phone:</b> 9401 6330 <b>Office address:</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon</p> <p align="center"><b>Office email:</b> <a href="mailto:essendon@cam.org.au">essendon@cam.org.au</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.essendoncatholic.org.au">www.essendoncatholic.org.au</a></p> <p align="center"><b>Office hours:</b> Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm</p> <p align="center"><b>St Vincent de Paul Helpline:</b> 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm</p> <p align="center">To subscribe to our newsletter go to the link below or use the QR code:  <a href="https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&amp;req=subscribe">https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&amp;req=subscribe</a></p> <p align="center"><i>Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.</i></p>	
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